

What Is Claimed Is:

- 1 *Das* 1. A method for conducting a financial  
2 analysis, the method comprising:  
3 creating a financial analysis utility having a  
4 standardized format; and  
5 providing access through a communication  
6 network to the financial analysis utility to employees  
7 of a business enterprise to establish a single source  
8 for the financial analysis utility.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein creating a  
2 financial analysis utility further comprises creating a  
3 rules table for use with the financial analysis utility.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the rules  
2 table matches a user input with a predefined rule to  
3 obtain a rate.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the  
2 financial analysis utility is in communication with a  
3 database having actual and forecasted financial values.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the  
2 financial analysis utility is an exchange rate tool.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the  
2 financial analysis utility is an volume extension tool.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the  
2 financial analysis utility is an allocation tool.

1           8.    The method of claim 1 wherein the  
2   financial analysis utility is an aggregation/average  
3   tool.

1           9.    The method of claim 1 wherein the  
2   financial analysis utility is an variance tool.

1           10.   A method for conducting a financial  
2   analysis, the method comprising:

3                creating a financial analysis utility having a  
4   standardized format, the standardized format includes a  
5   rules table for use with the financial analysis utility;  
6   and

7                providing access through a communication  
8   network to the financial analysis utility to employees  
9   of a business enterprise to establish a single source  
10   for the financial analysis utility.

1           11.   The method of claim 10 wherein the rules  
2   table matches a user input with a predefined rule to  
3   obtain a rate.

1           12.   The method of claim 10 wherein the  
2   financial analysis utility is in communication with a  
3   database having actual and forecasted financial values.

1           13.   The method of claim 10 wherein the  
2   financial analysis utility is an exchange rate tool.

1           14.   The method of claim 10 wherein the  
2   financial analysis utility is an volume extension tool.

1           15. The method of claim 10 wherein the  
2 financial analysis utility is an allocation tool.

1           16. The method of claim 10 wherein the  
2 financial analysis utility is an aggregation/average  
3 tool.

1           17. The method of claim 10 wherein the  
2 financial analysis utility is an variance tool.

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